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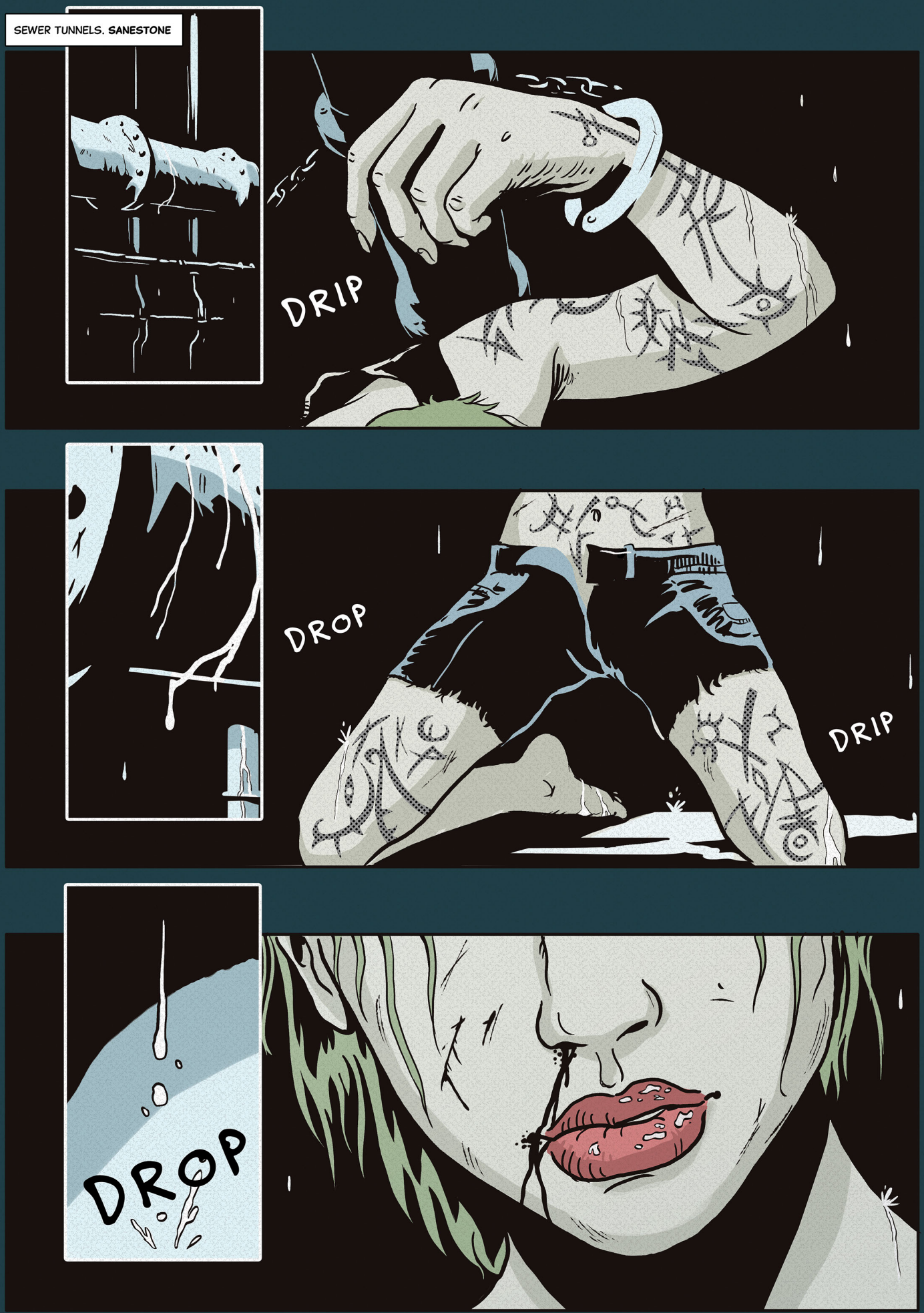
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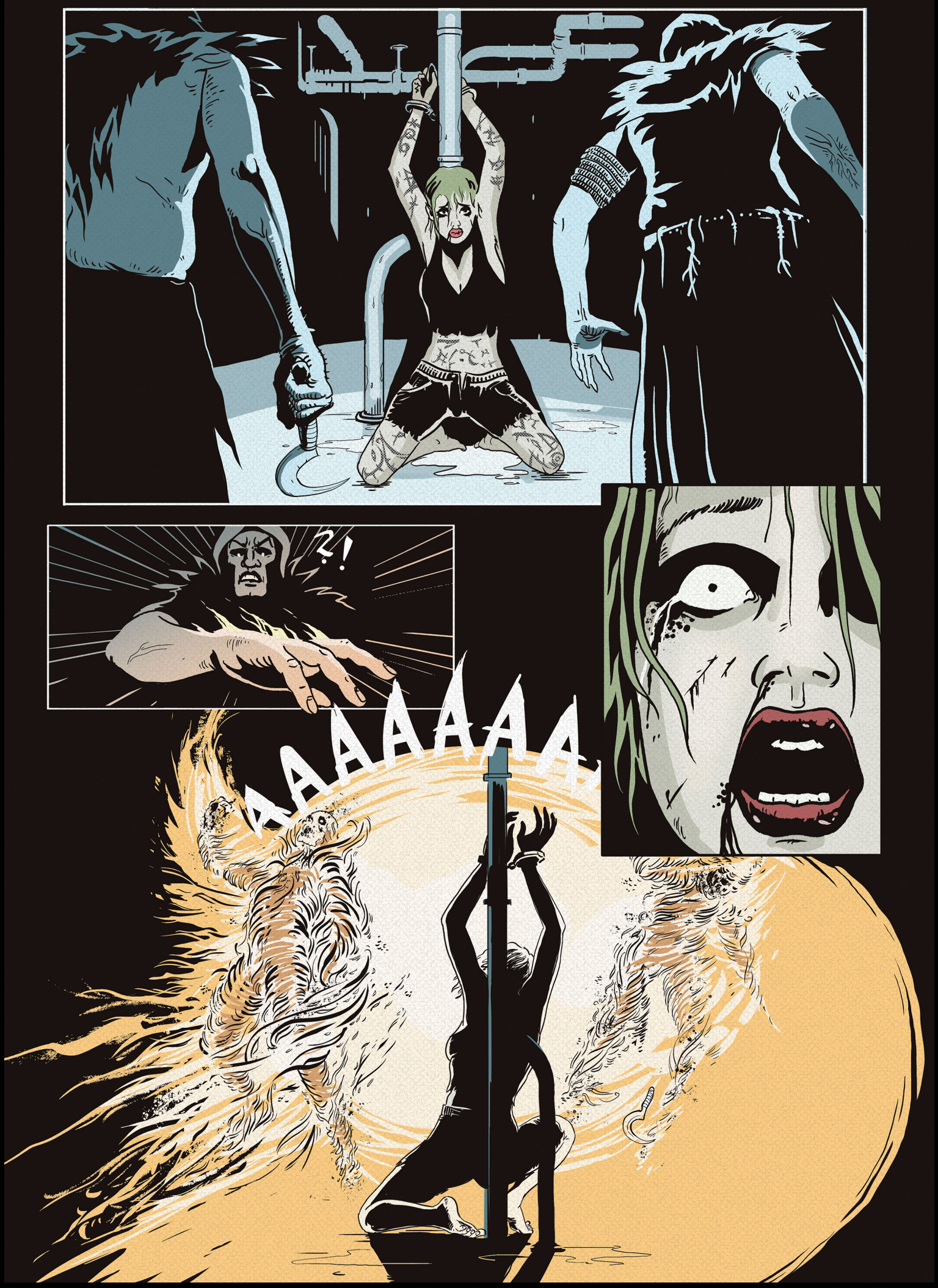
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SANESTONE'S FISHING HARBOR.
AROUND 3 AM.
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WHAT HAVE WE GOT HERE?
FISHERMEN HAD AN UNEXPECTED CATCH...
A MAN IN HIS THIRTIES. INDIAN. HE'D BEEN IN THE WATER FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE SURFACED ON HIS OWN, GIVEN THE ROCK TIED TO HIS BELLY.
SOMEONE PUT SOME THOUGHT INTO THIS...
HOLE IN THE CHEST - POTENTIAL CAUSE OF DEATH. MARKS ON THE OTHER SIDE COULD BE THE EXIT WOUND OR SCRAPES FROM THE LAKE'S BOTTOM.
WE'LL SEE AFTER THE AUTOPSY.

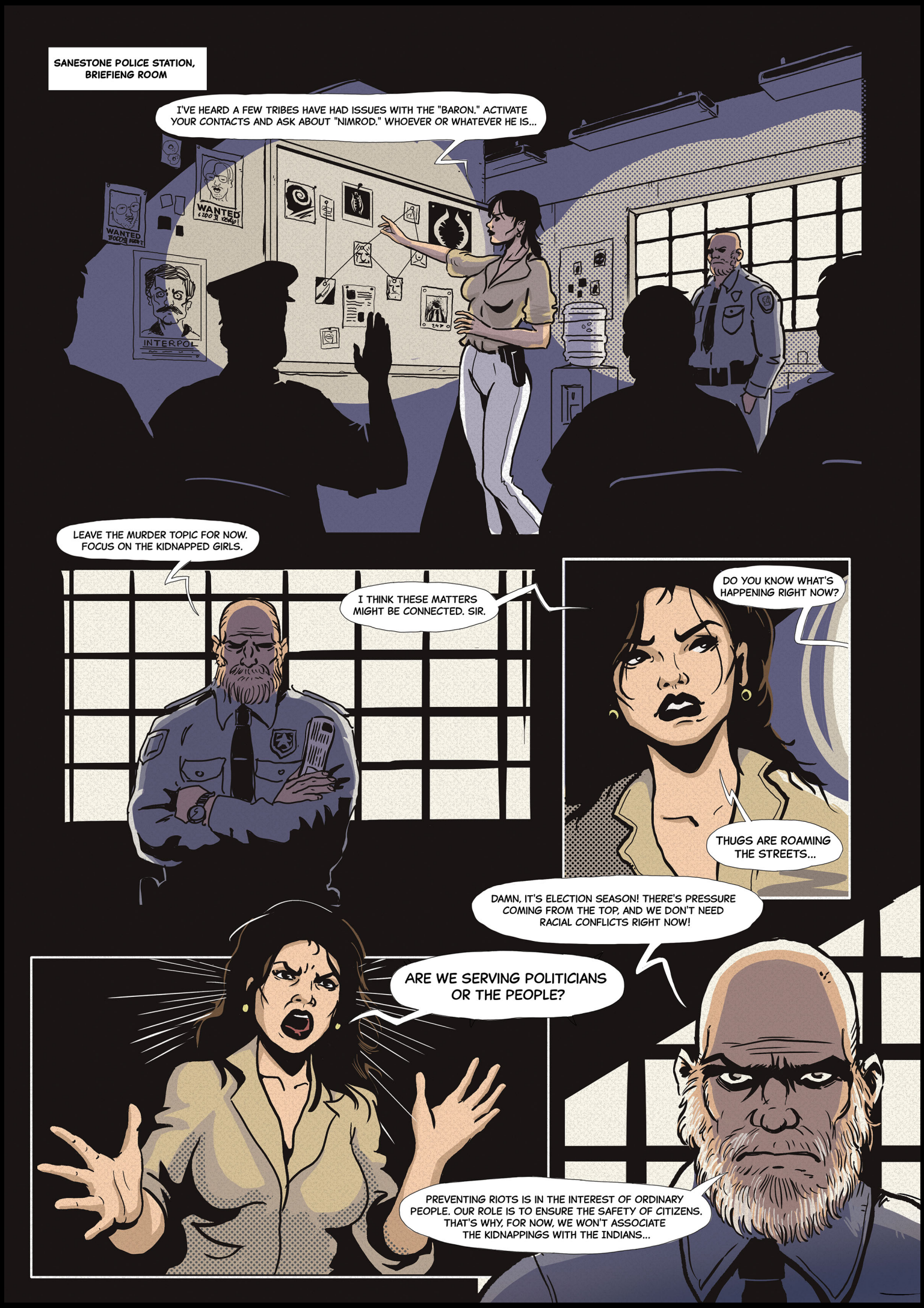
WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE DECEASED?
NOTHING. INDIANS DON'T BOTHER WITH DOCUMENTATION.
GREAT...
IT'S SIMPLE. PROBABLY RACISTS AGAIN...
...
QUESTION THE FISHERMEN AND EVERYONE AROUND. LOOK FOR THE MURDER WEAPON AND ANY TRACES.
SO YOU'RE TAKING THIS CASE?
DO WE HAVE A ROBBED STORE OR AN RED SKINNED WITH A BULLET HOLE? - THIS IS A CASE FOR HOMICIDE!

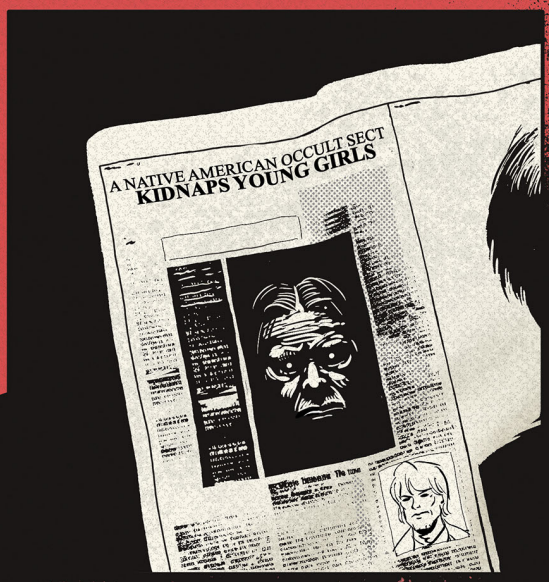
BAR FOR COLOREDS "INSANE". AROUND 4 PM.
LOANS
Stone's BAR
I SAW GIRLS THERE. HELD AGAINST THEIR WILL.

THEY WOULD ONLY LET THEM OUT WHEN THEY ORGANIZED ORGIES FOR THE BIG SHOTS FUNDING THE CULT.
OR FOR SOME SICK RITUALS.
AND YOU WERE THERE?

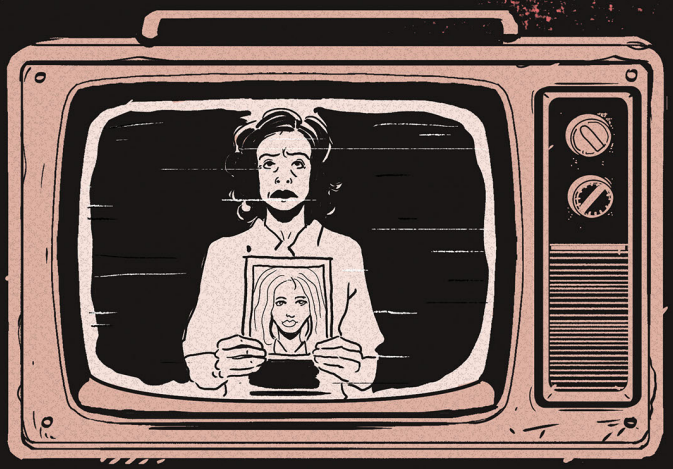
YOU MEAN, BEFORE YOU ESCAPED FROM THE CULT?
YOU WON'T GET ANY MORE INFO!
UNDERSTAND THAT GATHERING INFORMATION IS MY JOB... MY MISSION!
YOUR MISSION IS TO BE FAMOUS, WALLY! MINE IS TO SURVIVE... AND BEING CHATTY WHEN A CULT'S AFTER ME DOESN'T HELP.
IF YOU'RE AFRAID OF BEING OUTED, WE CAN TALK SOMEWHERE MORE DISCREET...
BEFORE I GIVE YOU A FULL INTERVIEW, I WANT TO KNOW HOW DEEP THE TENTACLES OF THE CULT CHASING ME GO. I DON'T KNOW WHO I CAN TRUST...
WHERE AM I GOING TO FIND SOMEONE FOR YOU WHO'S PLUGGED INTO THE UNDERGROUND AND WON'T RAT YOU OUT...
AS A JOURNALIST, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE MOST PARANOID ABOUT KEEPING SECRETS ARE INFORMANTS.

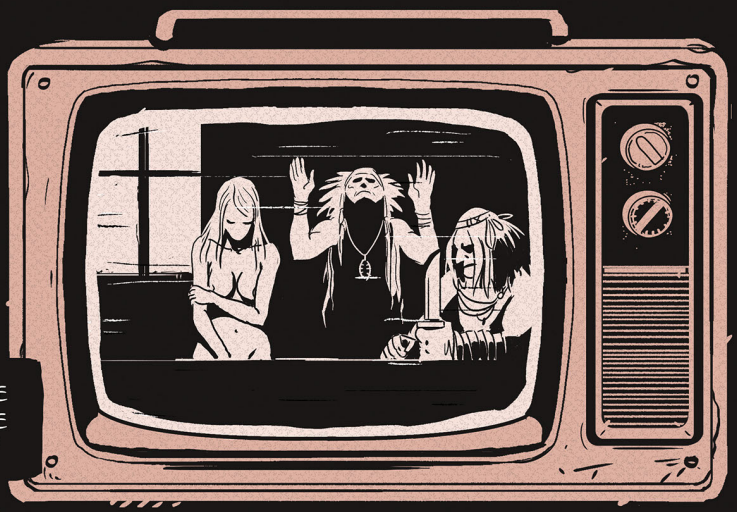
DARK ALLEY, SOMEWHERE IN SANESTONE'S BLACK NEIGHBORHOOD AROUND 4 PM.
EVERYONE LIKES TO LIGHT UP! EVEN THE RED SKINNED...
CUT TO THE CHASE, MAMMOTH...
COP, PLEASE... DON'T PRESS ME - YOU KNOW WHAT THEY CAN DO TO ME FOR EVEN TALKING TO YOU?
AND DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG YOU CAN BE LOCKED UP FOR THIS?
WORD ON THE STREET IS ABOUT SOME NIMROD WHO'S GOTTEN UNDER EVERYONE'S SKIN. THAT'S ALL I KNOW!
AT THIS STAGE, WE CAN'T RULE OUT EITHER GANG-RELATED SCORES OR A RACIALLY-MOTIVATED MURDER.
POLICE
WHAT THE POLICE DO?
WHERE IS LUCY?


SANESTONE POLICE STATION, BRIEFIENG ROOM
I'VE HEARD A FEW TRIBES HAVE HAD ISSUES WITH THE "BARON." ACTIVATE YOUR CONTACTS AND ASK ABOUT "NIMROD." WHOEVER OR WHATEVER HE IS...
WANTED
INTERPOL
LEAVE THE MURDER TOPIC FOR NOW. FOCUS ON THE KIDNAPPED GIRLS.
I THINK THESE MATTERS MIGHT BE CONNECTED. SIR.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW?
THUGS ARE ROAMING THE STREETS...
DAMN, IT'S ELECTION SEASON! THERE'S PRESSURE COMING FROM THE TOP, AND WE DON'T NEED RACIAL CONFLICTS RIGHT NOW!
ARE WE SERVING POLITICIANS OR THE PEOPLE?
PREVENTING RIOTS IS IN THE INTEREST OF ORDINARY PEOPLE. OUR ROLE IS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF CITIZENS. THAT'S WHY, FOR NOW, WE WON'T ASSOCIATE THE KIDNAPPINGS WITH THE INDIANS...



"WHY DO WE STILL NOT KNOW WHERE LUCY IS?"





"WHY WON'T THEY ADDRESS SUSPICIONS THAT THE BURGEONING NEOPHYTE CULTS ARE INVOLVED? ARE KIDNAPPINGS OF YOUNG GIRLS SOMETHING NEW?"

"10 YEARS AGO, 20-YEAR-OLD RACHEL CALMAN DISAPPEARED, LINKED TO THE RITUAL MURDER OF HER FATHER - THE RESPECTED DOCTOR ERIC CALMAN. ISN'T IT A SCANDAL THAT NEITHER RACHEL NOR HER BODY WERE EVER FOUND, AND IT'S SO HUSHED UP? THE PATTERN OF DISAPPEARANCES IS THE SAME."

I'M BORED...
MY LINGUISTIC SKILLS ARE NEEDED HERE.
"SANESTONE DAILY HERALD" NEWSROOM, 10:30 AM
AREN'T YOU GETTING ENOUGH ALIMONY?
ARE YOU GOING TO EXPLAIN YOURSELF, OR SHOULD I JUST ARREST YOU?
YOU'VE NEVER BEEN ONE FOR LONG INTRODUCTIONS...
OUCH! POLICE BRUTALITY!
DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'RE DOING WITH YOUR HACKNEYED ARTICLES? AN INDIAN WAS MURDERED YESTERDAY. DO YOU THINK YOUR INFLAMMATORY WRITINGS AREN'T CONNECTED?
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE ERIC CALMAN CASE?
NO. IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR DEFENSE?

COME WITH ME TO THE DARKROOM...
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ABOUT THE RED HUNTRESS CULT?
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